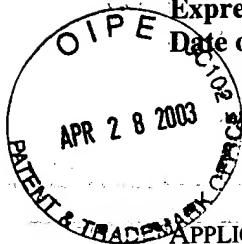


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In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2002 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit herewith in the above mentioned patent application a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the required fee. Also filed herewith is a Petition for a Two Month Extension of time and a check for \$205.00 to cover the small entity fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, these documents are due on or before April 28, 2003 (April 26, 2003 was a Saturday). Please charge any payments or credit any overpayments of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 15966-632.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.